

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 644, TRADE FACILITATION AND TRADE ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, America's trade laws only work as well as they are enforced—which is why the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act is of such vital importance. Both versions of the bill include vital provisions to modernize our customs process and increase enforcement of our trade laws—including my bill to finally end the importation of goods made by child, slave and forced labor after 75 years. It has been five months since H.R. 644 passed both the House and Senate and it is long past time the two versions of the bill be conferred. In addition to the provision of the Senate bill which was used in the Democratic Motion to Instruct; there exists another, noncontroversial provision to combat currency manipulation in the legislation. Senator BENNET's amendment, which passed the Senate Finance Committee unanimously, has real teeth. The amendment creates enhanced oversight of international exchange rate policy, authorizes specific remedial actions for the U.S. government to pursue against trading partners that fail to adopt appropriate exchange rate policies, and provides the U.S. government with additional tools for strengthening trade enforcement. The language referenced in the Democratic Motion to Instruct is considered a poison pill by many and could threaten the underlying legislation which is vital to updating our trade enforcement laws for the 21st century.

There are a number of vital differences between the House and Senate versions which will meaningfully impact the United States' ability to enforce our trade laws that must be a priority as we move into the conference process. Differences such as the ENFORCE Act, which helps to enforce duty evasion; creating an enforcement and capacity building fund using a portion of penalties paid by foreign trade cheats; holding our trading partners accountable for this uneven enforcement of environmental regulations; and codifying the Interagency Trade Enforcement Center are issues vital and cannot be bogged down. In light of the existence of the Bennet language which I believe substantively moves the ball forward on currency manipulation, while I support the spirit of the Motion to Instruct I believe it is more important that the customs bill not be bogged down by a controversial provision which could potentially lead to retaliation which would hurt Wisconsin's farmers, workers and businesses. Many of these other provisions will ultimately determine my support for the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement

Act and I hope rather than falling into partisan foxholes we can help move this vital piece of legislation forward in a bipartisan manner.

HONORING DR. ARIANE
PALMASANI CONABOY, D.O.

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Ariane Palmasani Conaboy. Dr. Conaboy is the 138th President of the Lackawanna County Medical Society and the youngest President in the Society's history. The Lackawanna County Medical Society is a professional association for physicians and physicians in training that promotes an environment which fosters excellence in medical care.

Dr. Conaboy graduated in 2000 from Scranton Preparatory School and went on to graduate from The University of Scranton, where she majored in biochemistry and philosophy. In 2008, Dr. Conaboy earned her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. She went on to complete her internship and residency at Scranton Temple Residency Program.

Dr. Conaboy is certified in Internal Medicine and is currently employed by Physicians Health Alliance, a division of Commonwealth Health, and practices traditional inpatient and outpatient internal medicine. She serves on the Physicians Health Alliance Advisory Board, the Moses Taylor Hospital Medical Executive Committee, and was recently elected Treasurer of the Medical Staff at the hospital.

Dr. Conaboy serves on the Moses Taylor Hospital Credentials Committee and is the physician lead for the finance and contract committee for NEPA Quality Health Alliance, where she also serves as a board member. She is also a member of The Commonwealth Medical College Volunteer Clinical Faculty. Dr. Conaboy is the daughter of Millie Palmasani and the late Michael Palmasani. She is married to an attorney, Kevin, and they have two children, Clare and Kevin.

On behalf of all Pennsylvanians, I am pleased to recognize Dr. Ariane Conaboy for improving the quality of life for citizens through her leadership as the President of the Lackawanna County Medical Society.

HONORING MAST COMMUNITY
CHARTER SCHOOL

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of

the Mathematic Science and Technology Community Charter School in my district—known as MaST—which was just recognized as the top charter school in Pennsylvania by the Philadelphia City Council.

Since opening in 1999, MaST has established a proven record as a high-performing charter school in the region, with multiple awards from local, state, and national entities for its advanced curriculum in STEM education. MaST's focus on STEM education has created a high-achieving student body that is well-prepared for and focused on entering post-secondary education. I am proud to say that 93 percent of graduating students have moved directly into a post-secondary institution over the last three years.

Despite these achievements, MaST is only capable of accepting a fraction of the applications it receives every year. This past application year, MaST received 7,165 applications for 96 open spots. I supported a grant application to the U.S. Department of Education which would allow for MaST to meet the needs of a larger body of students who currently lack the tools MaST can provide—particularly advanced education and preparation in STEM fields.

MaST is an impressive model for quality education in Philadelphia. If given the resources to grow, MaST will continue to expand its award-winning curriculum which has contributed to its meteoric rise in the past 16 years. I am proud to support this effort.

RECOGNIZING CARLY
IMBIEROWICZ AND DAULTON
POINTEK

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Carly Imbierowicz and Daulton Pointek. Carly and Daulton were two star students at Octorara High School in Chester County, loved and admired by their entire school community. They were the victims of carbon monoxide poisoning. A faulty automobile exhaust pipe allowed the deadly gas to leak into their car. When they were found, the car keys were still in the ignition.

It is important that we spread awareness of this silent killer. The danger of carbon monoxide poisoning is present whenever you combine burning fuel and enclosed spaces, from stoves to gas-powered water heaters and furnaces. These dangers increase in the colder months.

The Imbierowicz and Pointek families have been working to educate our community on these dangers and I admire their dedication to this mission. Their efforts to raise awareness about this issue will save lives and protect more families from having to cope with such terrible tragedies.

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HONORING THE LIFETIME MEMBERS OF THE RICHMOND COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the following Lifetime Members of the Richmond County Volunteer Fire Department: Randy Passagaluppi (22 years), Gary Hayes (23 years), Timmy Brann (25 years), Ray Hinson (25 years), Wayne Mothershead (26 years), Leslie Clark (28 years), Ronnie Mundie (37 years), Fred W. Mothershead (44 years), J.D. Jr. Dawson (45 years), Chris Sanders (45 years), and Webster Sanders (64 years). I thank them for their lifelong service to their community and insuring the safety of Richmond County.

RECOGNIZING THE GRAND OPENING OF SIEGFRIED AND ROY PARK

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, on December 3, 2015, the Clark County Commissioners and Department of Aviation are hosting the grand opening of a 20-acre park near McCarran International Airport, appropriately named for Siegfried Fischbacher and Roy Horn.

What began as a simple magic act aboard a cruise ship in 1957, Siegfried and Roy's show became one of the most successful extravaganzas in Las Vegas history.

Ten years later, Siegfried and Roy began performing in Las Vegas at the Tropicana. The duo went on to perform around the world until 1989 when their act found a permanent home at The Mirage in Las Vegas.

Siegfried and Roy entertained in Las Vegas and internationally for over 30 years to sold-out audiences, delighting more than 25 million fans with their amazing magic while showcasing the beauty and majesty of wild animals. Their passion and talent made a lasting impression on everyone who met them, knew them, or just saw their show.

Siegfried and Roy's act came to an end in 2003, but their spirit lives on at the Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat exhibits at The Mirage Hotel and Casino, and through their charitable work with the SARMOTI Foundation.

For the past 25 years, Siegfried and Roy's Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat have encouraged better stewardship of the environment by teaching visitors, students, and scholars about the incredible creatures housed there and about why conservation efforts are so important for maintaining a robust ecosystem and preserving the amazing species that share the earth with us.

Every day at the Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat, visitors can experience firsthand the enchanting world of bottlenose dolphins, white tigers, white lions, and leopards. In August, the Secret Garden welcomed four tiger cubs to the family, continuing a legacy of commitment to conservation.

The SARMOTI Foundation works to conserve and protect endangered and threatened animals around the world, including tigers, lions, cheetahs, panthers, and leopards.

How appropriate that a park which stands at the gateway to Las Vegas, and District One, should bear their name.

Thank you, Siegfried and Roy, for your service to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEACETREES VIETNAM

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 20th anniversary of PeaceTrees Vietnam and their continued service to help heal communities affected by war. PeaceTrees Vietnam's tireless work alongside the Vietnamese people honors those who have given their lives in service and fosters trust and collaboration between our two nations.

The story of PeaceTrees Vietnam began on January 6, 1969, when US Army Helicopter Pilot Lt. Daniel Cheney sacrificed his life in the Vietnam War to save the life of a fellow pilot. From this profound loss, his mother Rae Cheney, sister Jerilyn Brusseau and her late husband Danaan Parry vowed to find a way for families like their own to reach out to the Vietnamese people, to honor losses on all sides of the war, and begin building bridges of friendship and understanding. On November 12, 1995, a group of inspired Washington state citizens joined the three founders and pledged their support to launch an organized effort to clear the land of bombs and landmines and plant trees where landmines used to be. That day, PeaceTrees Vietnam was born.

Since 1995, PeaceTrees Vietnam's steadfast humanitarian service has removed more than 89,000 landmines and dangerous weapons from over 846 acres of land, starting in the former "DMZ" on the site of the former US Marine Combat Base at Dong Ha. As the first international nongovernmental organization to be permitted to conduct humanitarian demining work in Vietnam, PeaceTrees has ushered in a new era by bringing together American and Vietnamese people, including veterans from both sides, to work, play, and plant trees as a means of promoting peace, friendship, and renewal through mutual understanding and respect.

For two decades, PeaceTrees' expansive service in Vietnam has gone beyond landmine removal to include building sustainable communities by enhancing education and economic opportunities. Hand-in-hand with the Vietnamese people, PeaceTrees has invested in a safe and healthy future in the poorest and most war-torn regions of Vietnam through the construction of homes, libraries, and schools.

Mr. Speaker, PeaceTrees Vietnam's work has restored land, assisted communities, and created opportunity in partnership with the people of Quang Tri Province of Vietnam. Making the land safe, returning the environment to its natural beauty, and creating new educational and economic opportunities collectively heals the enduring wounds of war that linger for both the Vietnamese and American people.

I am proud to recognize the 20th Anniversary of PeaceTrees Vietnam and thank the family of Lt. Daniel Cheney, the founders, and all those in the United States and Vietnam who have worked to restore the land, build community and heal the wounds of war.

OUR ONE GOD OF FAITH

HON. E. SCOTT RIGELL

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Mr. RIGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to submit a statement on behalf of my constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman. Rabbi Zoberman is the Founding Rabbi of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Rabbi Zoberman asked me to submit the following remarks:

We are grateful for our one God's blessings, who bring us together to be one family, gratefully united and gloriously diverse through the divine commandments of loving kindness.

We have gathered during our sixth annual Veterans Day service at the enchanting sites of the Reba and Sam Sandler Campus and the Simon Family JCC of our beloved Tidewater Jewish Community, home to the state's Jewish War Veterans Monument and captivating Holocaust sculpture linked to the embracing Gifford Holocaust Memorial Garden. Let us pause for both heartfelt gratitude and sacred reflection in the enviable spirit of our unique Tidewater togetherness.

In this awesome region of perhaps the world's most concentrated military might, we owe much to the descendants of the Macabees, our heroic sisters and brothers in uniform from past, present and future, for safeguarding our great American nation as well as its undying dream. We continuously advocate for and advance the cause of our leading democracy so that it may ever be a guiding and gracious beacon of light and consecrated resolve to all near and far.

We are painfully mindful of terrorism's darkness unleashed by Iran and its Lebanese and Palestinian proxies, along with Syria's Bashar al-Assad and the Islamic State with its affiliates, threatening the very essence of human civilization to which the Jewish people have immeasurably and devotedly contributed. The past Thanksgiving celebration, modeled after the Biblical festival Sukkot, is a poignant reminder of the vital link and unshakeable bond between America's very foundation and the Jewish heritage.

The courageous Pilgrims joyfully regarded themselves as walking in the shoes of the Israelites who fled from Egypt's House of Bondage, and were inspired by the ideals and values of the Hebrew scriptures with which they fell in love. In fact, they wanted Hebrew to be the official language of the New World but there were not enough Hebrew scholars around. Imagine there would have been no need for a separate Hebrew school for our children. The past Thanksgiving eve, my congregation Beth Chaverim and Eastern Shore Chapel Episcopal Church held our 16th annual Joint Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. What an endearing display of the American tradition of sharing across lines of faith.

On November 9, 2015, we commemorated the 77th anniversary of Kristallnacht (The Night of the Broken Glass), the beginning of the end of European Jewry. We shall always cherish our own Arnold Lind, of blessed memory, who at age ten raced into his burning Synagogue in Muhlheim in Germany to

retrieve his beautiful Wimple, witness to the Shoah, a memorial to the great German Jewry. He was fortunate to arrive with his family to these shores of freedom and proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

I humbly stand before you as a member of the family of the surviving remnant miraculously plucked from the burning fires. At the mature old age of three and a half, I was already a veteran of Germany's Wetzlar Displaced persons camp in the American zone of occupation, but I am also a veteran of the Israel Defense Forces of a reborn nation. My father Yechiel, of blessed memory, served in the Russian Army's 118th Infantry Division decimated at Stara Rusa by the German onslaught which he survived.

Let the United States and its partners do their best on behalf of the present day multitude of refugees from war-torn countries, particularly Syria, who seek the shelter of a welcoming home. May Shalom's divine blessings of peace enable us to turn violence into vision, pain into promise, fear into faith, and darkness into light. Amen.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
MANATEE COUNTY FAIR

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the Manatee County Fair's 100th anniversary.

On October 21st, 1915 a group that eventually became the Manatee Chamber of Commerce approved a project that would draw members of the community together for festive celebrations and friendly competition. The Manatee County Fair was born, and opened its tents to the neighborhood for the first time on February 28th, 1916.

The 1916 Manatee County Fair started with a budget of just \$500. Year after year, the fair grew creating an economic boost for the community while providing fun and enjoyment for locals and visitors alike.

Eventually, the fair became so appreciated that the denizens of Bradentown (currently Bradenton, Florida) purchased over 60 acres of land so the fair could continue to thrive for generations to come. As time went on, the Manatee County Fair gave Floridians an opportunity to unite and celebrate in good times and bad.

The Manatee County Fair has fostered community pride for 100 years. Throughout the past century, the fair strengthened relationships between local business owners, shop keepers, vendors, artisans, and civic leaders. Community Members have shared in the pride of hosting such a well-loved event.

It is my honor to recognize the Manatee County Fair's 100th anniversary. This great event has strengthened our community and been a source of civic pride for the past century.

HONORING DR. JAN SONANDER,
M.D.

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Jan Sonander for his

leadership, commitment, and determination over a decade to update the Geographic Practice Cost Index (GPCI) system in California and abolish the flawed Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR).

Medicare's GPCI system pays physicians based on the cost of providing care in their geographic region. However, since 1997, the Medicare geographic payment localities have not been updated, leading many Sonoma County physicians to be underpaid. This problem was exacerbated by concurrent flaws in Medicare's SGR.

Since 2000, Dr. Sonander has been a tireless advocate for GPCI and SGR reforms. His proposed changes would have updated payment localities for physicians, and improved access to high-quality care for all Sonoma County residents. Dr. Sonander led a nationwide letter campaign, encouraging Congress to consider funding the proposed changes while writing articles to keep peers informed of his efforts. Those efforts ultimately paid off, as the geographic payment system has been updated and the SGR has been eliminated. Dr. Sonander was essential to that progress.

Leading by example, Dr. Sonander focuses a significant portion of his practice caring for the disabled, working as a hospitalist at Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital while also serving as Chief of Staff. He has been active in the Sonoma County Medical Association (SCMA) and the California Medical Association for 26 years. He has served on several committees, including a stint as President of the SCMA Board of Directors in 2003. As a civic role model, philanthropist, medical professional, and political activist, Dr. Sonander's work has placed health care for all Sonoma County residents in safe hands.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we acknowledge Dr. Jan Sonander for his extraordinary work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM GRAVES

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Mr. GRAVES of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on roll call No. 650, had I been present, I would have voted Yea.

PRESERVE THE EITC FOR LEGAL
AMERICAN WORKERS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, the Earned Income Tax Credit is one of our most successful welfare-to-work tax provisions. The EITC has helped millions of Americans move themselves out of poverty. But, the president wants to use it as a cash bonus for those who have been working in the U.S. illegally.

Under the president's unilateral amnesty, millions of illegal immigrants will get access to the EITC. They will then be able to claim tax refunds on previous earnings from unauthorized work. The refunds could be as much as \$24,000 for each claimant, which may restrict

the EITC's availability for legal American workers.

To ensure this does not happen, I have introduced H.R. 1657—the FAIRR Act. The bill prevents the EITC from going to recipients of the president's unilateral amnesty. This would strengthen the EITC for American families and save taxpayers almost \$9 billion over the next 10 years.

Our immigration system should not reward lawbreakers at the expense of taxpayers and legal American workers. Neither should the EITC.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEARBORN
OPTIMIST CLUB'S 75TH AN-
NIVERSARY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Dearborn Optimist Club on their 75th Anniversary. As a Member of Congress, it is an honor and a privilege to recognize the great work they have done for the City of Dearborn.

Founded on December 12, 1940, Optimist International chartered the Dearborn Optimist Club to serve the greater Dearborn Community. Since its founding, the Dearborn Optimists have devoted countless hours volunteering in the community by helping to expand access to quality education through its youth programs and scholarships. They have created collaborations between both the public and private schools and with numerous Dearborn public agencies, including the fire and police departments. Each year, the Dearborn Optimist holds art and essay contests to promote the creativity of our students, where the winners receive scholarship money for their college plans. They host the annual Dearborn Public Safety Awards to honor our fire and police departments and recognize extraordinary individual accomplishments.

At the heart of their mission, the Dearborn Optimists have devoted themselves to community service and providing opportunities to enrich the lives of our youth of Dearborn. Their work for the City of Dearborn is truly appreciated and I know that we will see more of the same over the next 75 years of the group and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Dearborn Optimist Club on their 75th Anniversary and to wish them many more years of success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed Roll Call vote numbers 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651 and 652. Had I been present, I would have voted no on Roll Call vote number 646, 647, 650, 651 and 652 and aye on 648 and 649.

HONORING THE STE. GENEVIEVE
COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
AUXILIARY

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and its volunteers before the United States House of Representatives. This group was awarded the Auxiliary of the Year Award by the Missouri Hospital Association at the MHA Annual Conference this year.

These selfless individuals have accumulated over 15,000 volunteer hours this year, with over 11,000 hours in hospitals and over 3,500 hours volunteering in the community. This auxiliary of more than 90 volunteers has also donated more than \$58,000 to the hospital, resulting in seven new hospital beds for their patients. The auxiliary provides services to the community through community health education projects and scholarships to students pursuing health careers.

It is my pleasure to recognize these generous individuals before the United States House of Representatives.

KNOXVILLE NEWS SENTINEL ARTICLE BY FRANK CAGLE—RUMORS OF THE GOP'S DEATH EXAGGERATED

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, almost every week, Frank Cagle writes a thoughtful, intelligent, even courageous column for the Knoxville News Sentinel.

In his column of December 2nd, he wrote: "Some of us don't think it's a bad thing that people who are here illegally and are not citizens cannot vote."

I admire Frank Cagle for his willingness to speak out on matters of national importance, and I would like to call to the attention of my Colleagues and other readers this and other columns he has written for the Knoxville News Sentinel.

RUMORS OF THE GOP'S DEATH EXAGGERATED

Last week Hillary Clinton announced she would no longer use the term "illegal immigrants." I can understand a Clinton's aversion to the word illegal, but it will be hard for a president to get control of the border if she doesn't recognize that unauthorized entry into the country is against the law. During the Democratic debate she refused to say the words "Islamic terrorism." It's hard to see how a commander in chief can win a war against our enemies when she's too timid to call them what they are.

I spent Thanksgiving with a houseful of young adults. They are all voting for Bernie Sanders in the primary. What do they do in the general when Clinton is the Democratic nominee? I suspect they will stay home. If the Democrats think they will turn out the young people who voted for President Barack Obama to vote for Hillary, they are delusional.

I keep reading about how the Republicans are doomed. Republicans can't govern. De-

mographics will make the Republicans a minority party in the future.

Did you notice the recent election in Kentucky? Obama has done to the Kentucky Democratic Party what he has done to the Tennessee Democratic Party—damaged it almost beyond repair. A tea party guy, behind in all the polls, defeated a popular Democrat by 10 points. And Democrats down ballot got hammered. Tennessee Republicans have a supermajority in the Legislature, the governor, two U.S. Senators and seven of nine Congressmen.

Tennessee and Kentucky are not alone. Since Obama has been president, the Democrats have lost over 900 seats in state legislatures, 11 governorships, 13 Senate seats and 69 House seats. Tell me again about the demise of the Republican Party.

Democrats believe that if the Republicans nominate Donald Trump, then Clinton is the next president. Why? Who is closer to the majority opinion of the American people? Trump's bellicosity on immigrants, his anti-Muslim rants and calling for bombing the (you know what) out of ISIS? Or Clinton, who can't bring herself to even identify the perpetrators?

The dire predictions about the Republicans becoming a minority party because of the growing Hispanic vote? If you don't grant amnesty and make all illegal immigrants citizens, they can't vote. Some of us don't think it's a bad thing that people who are here illegally and are not citizens cannot vote.

Go down to the courthouse sometime and watch legal immigrants being sworn in as citizens. Talk to them about the hoops they jumped through in order to become a citizen. Then ask them how they feel about people who want to jump the line.

Americans are tired of political correctness. In the words of the crazy anchor from the movie "Network," they are mad as hell and they aren't going to take it anymore. It's the kind of attitude that fuels the Trump phenomenon. With the fading of Jeb Bush, the establishment seems to be turning to Marco Rubio to stop Trump. The author of an amnesty bill.

Good luck with that.

HONORING DR. BRAD DREXLER,
M.D.

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Since 2000, Dr. Drexler has been a tireless advocate for GPCI and SGR reforms. His proposed changes would update payment localities for physicians, and improve access to high-quality care for all Sonoma County residents. Dr. Drexler led a nationwide letter campaign, encouraging Congress to consider

funding the proposed changes while writing articles to keep peers informed of his efforts. Those efforts ultimately paid off, as the geographic payment system has been updated and the SGR has been eliminated. Dr. Drexler was essential to that progress.

Leading by example, Dr. Drexler has been active in the Sonoma County Medical Association (SCMA) and the California Medical Association (CMA) for 29 years. He has served as chair of the government relations committee, as a member of the board of directors at the SCMA, and as a delegate to the CMA. As a civic role model, philanthropist, political activist, and medical professional, Dr. Drexler's work has placed health care for all Sonoma County residents in safe hands.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we acknowledge Dr. Brad Drexler for his extraordinary work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK TAKAI

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Mr. TAKAI. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, December 1, I was absent from the House due to illness. Due to my absence, I am not recorded on any legislative measures for the day. I would like to reflect how I would have voted had I been present for legislative business.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on Roll Call 646, the previous question providing for consideration of the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015.

I would have voted "no" on Roll Call 647, the rule providing for consideration of the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015.

I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call 648, the Breast Cancer Research Stamp Reauthorization Act.

I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call 649, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016.

I would have voted "no" on Roll Call 650, final passage of Senate Joint Resolution 24.

I would have voted "no" on Roll Call 650, final passage of Senate Joint Resolution 23.

I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call 651, the motion to go to conference on the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,827,322,966,908.80. We've added \$8,200,445,917,995.72 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO THE PASSING OF NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ACTIVIST RON SCOTT

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the nation's most dedicated civil rights activists, Ron Scott, who sadly passed away Sunday, November 29, 2015.

During his many invaluable years of public service, Ron Scott was the consummate advocate for social and economic justice, inspiring others through his tremendous work ethic and undying spirit for activism. In particular, he has been in the vanguard of the movement to hold law enforcement accountable for acts of police misconduct.

For twenty years, he was a leading and outspoken critic of the use of force by Detroit police officers. An original founder of the Detroit chapter of the Black Panthers, he created the Detroit Coalition Against Police Brutality in 1996. In 2003, as a leader of the Coalition, he advocated for the city of Detroit to enter into a consent decree with the Department of Justice to reform the Detroit Police Department following years of police misconduct. In 2014, when Detroit's Board of Police Commissioners, the civilian led police oversight board, lost its powers due to the city's pending bankruptcy, he used his credibility as a longtime voice against police misconduct to argue for the commission's restoration. In September, the Detroit City Council voted to restore the commission's powers, which will return in December.

Ron Scott fought for civil and human rights and dreamed of a time when people would be judged and treated with dignity and respect. His counsel to me was truly invaluable and he has been such a frequent panelist at Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conferences that it is difficult to imagine these efforts without his presence.

Those personally close to him will miss him deeply, but I believe that his legacy of determined, reasoned and consistent advocacy on behalf of those who are voiceless will continue to be remembered and inspire our work to bring justice and peace to the world.

RECOGNIZING THOMAS BRADBURY

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Thomas Bradbury on being selected for induction into the Farm Credit Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame. This honor is reserved for those who have made a significant contribution to the agricultural industry of Colorado and the United States.

Currently, Mr. Bradbury resides in Byers where he has been a leader in the Colorado livestock industry. He is currently a member of the National Western Stock Show Association, an organization that created a scholarship trust which helps over 80 students attend college annually for agriculture and rural medicine. In addition, he has served as President

of the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association and the American Hereford Association

Mr. Bradbury also understands the importance of giving back to his community. He is a founder of his local rural telephone cooperative and shares his expertise about livestock with resident 4-H members. Mr. Bradbury has shown true leadership in his industry and community.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes as Mr. Bradbury pursues his future endeavors. His passion and dedication to the agricultural industry makes him more than worthy of this distinct recognition. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Thomas Bradbury for his accomplishments.

HONORING NANCY BAKER

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of an upstanding community leader, and longtime resident of Southwest Washington, Nancy Baker.

Commissioner Baker's dedication to the community can be seen through her long service to the Port. Nancy was first elected as a Port Commissioner for the Port of Vancouver, USA, in 2003—making her the first female commissioner in the Port of Vancouver's 103 year history. This followed a 14 year stint as a Port employee. As a commissioner, she faced tough decisions that she has handled with grace and thoughtful deliberation. She has overseen numerous projects, including most recently the "trench" and Waterfront Projects which have greatly improved the functionality of the Port and will continue making the Port of Vancouver an integral part of our community.

Having spent over a quarter century at the Port, Nancy has been a central part of its tremendous growth. Ask anyone in our community—Nancy's name has become synonymous with the Port, and her contributions will be greatly missed. She has received numerous awards throughout her service including the Clark County Women of Achievement from Clark College and the YWCA, the Community Service Award from the Southwest Washington Labor Roundtable and the Central Labor Council, and she was named one of the 100 Most Powerful Women of Clark County by the Columbian newspaper.

Please join me in honoring the selfless and passionate dedication of Nancy Baker and her long career.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAJOR RAYMOND (GLENN) CLANIN & MAJOR RUSSELL (LYNN) CLANIN

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor both Major Raymond (Glenn) Clanin, USAF (Ret) and Major Russell (Lynn) Clanin USAF (Ret), twin brothers who

were born on April 25, 1923 and raised in Bismarck, Missouri. Major Glenn and Major Lynn were raised in a large family of nine children—six boys and three girls.

I would like to commend both Major Glenn and Major Lynn for their tireless service to our nation while serving in the United States Army. Both Major Glenn and Major Lynn were drafted in May of 1943 at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri and were shortly accepted into the Aviation Cadet Program.

After initial cadet training at Michigan State College, they both received more advanced military training at various bases in Texas. After B-26 training, they deployed to Europe on the "Ille de France" in January 1945 and were assigned to the 449th Bomb Squadron of the 322nd Bomb group stationed at Beauvais, France. Major Glenn completed 26 missions and Major Lynn completed 21 missions flying out of France and Belgium and deployed back to the United States in July of 1946.

Major Glenn and Major Lynn were discharged from the Army Air Corps in September 1946 at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. They were both decorated with significant medals which include the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with two battle stars and the World War II Victory Medal.

After their outstanding active military service to this country, Major Glenn and Major Lynn moved to California, and in 1948, they married sisters Carolyn and Elyn Sievers in a joint ceremony. They remained in the United States Air Force reserves, both retiring as Majors in 1983.

In civilian life Major Glenn and Major Lynn worked in their own dry cleaning business until the Korean War and lived next to each other for 10 years in Manhattan Beach. Glenn transitioned into aircraft manufacturing and later the savings and loan industry, from which he retired in 1985. Major Lynn transitioned into aircraft manufacturing and in 1960 moved to Northern California where he worked in real estate, then at a refinery, and eventually retiring from a water district as a service representative in 1978.

Major Glenn and his wife Carolyn currently reside in Manhattan Beach and their family includes two daughters, Diana and Wendie, two grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Major Lynn and his late wife Elyn family include sons Russell and Steven, two grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Major Lynn has resided in Concord, California since 1960.

I am proud to honor Major Raymond (Glenn) Clanin of Manhattan Beach & Russell (Lynn) Clanin of Concord to thank them for their dedication and service to the United States of America.

IN MEMORY OF AUSTIN KIPLINGER

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on November 20, Austin Kiplinger, an extraordinary visionary as longtime editor of the legendary The Kiplinger Letter, died at age 97. For decades he came to the office every day

up to the end to provide thoughtful forecasts for executives and investors. I knew firsthand of his influence as my late father was a loyal subscriber who knew Mr. Kiplinger's judgment was fully trustworthy. The following obituary was published November 21, 2015, in the *Wall Street Journal*:

WASHINGTON.—Austin Kiplinger, the longtime chairman and editor in chief of a financial publishing company that bore his name, has died, his son said. He was 97.

Mr. Kiplinger died Friday at a hospice in Rockville, Md., where he was treated briefly after receiving hospice care at home, said his son, Knight Kiplinger. The cause of death was brain cancer, most likely a melanoma that had spread to his brain, his son said.

A prominent figure in Washington journalism and civic life, Mr. Kiplinger led the publishing company founded by his father for nearly 35 years. Before taking over Kiplinger Washington Editors Inc., he worked as a newspaper, radio and television reporter. The company publishes newsletters and magazines on personal finance and business.

The company was founded in 1920 by his father, W.M. Kiplinger. Austin Kiplinger took it over upon his father's death in 1967. Even after circumstances forced him to become a businessman, he remained a journalist at heart, his son said.

"He wrote, he edited, he conducted the weekly lead meetings for the Kiplinger Letter," Knight Kiplinger, who took over for his father in the 1990s, said Saturday. "That's our tradition going back to our founding."

Mr. Kiplinger's professional journalism career began at age 18 while a student at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. He worked as the campus stringer for the *Ithaca Journal*, and some of his articles were picked up by *The Associated Press*.

He served in the Navy during World War II, piloting torpedo bombers off aircraft carriers in the South Pacific.

In 1947, he and his father founded what is now called Kiplinger's Personal Finance, the first publication dedicated to personal-finance advice for American families. In the 1950s, he worked for several television stations in Chicago and for ABC News there. But he turned down an offer to join NBC News in New York to return to the family business.

Mr. Kiplinger was a trustee and board chairman of the National Symphony Orchestra, and he presided over a family foundation that has made millions of dollars in grants to nonprofits education, performing arts, history and journalism training. He lived for decades on a family farm in Seneca, Md.

"He was best known for his exuberance, his positive attitude, his interest in people from every walk of life," his son said. "He talked as easily with a carpenter or the janitor in the building as he did with presidents and senators."

His wife of 63 years, Mary Louise Cobb Kiplinger, died in 2007, and his older son, Todd, died the following year.

RECOGNIZING CURTIS MOORE

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Curtis Moore of Missouri for the patriotism shown by him over the course of his military career as well as his many wonderful accomplishments completed during his civilian years. Throughout his long

and illustrious life, Mr. Moore received many impressive awards, including a Purple Heart while serving in the Navy during World War II. He was also the first recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the *Waterways Journal* in 2014 for his work with inland waterway usage.

Mr. Moore began working for Missouri Dry Dock & Repair Co. Inc. in Cape Girardeau, Missouri in the early 1950's as a welder and fitter before soon being promoted to vice president and general manager. He distinguished himself within the industry with his innovations for propellers that are used by inland towboats and barges and their repair process. He continued assisting and advising Missouri Dry Dock about propeller and other boat operation issues into the early 1990's until he fully retired in 2009.

Mr. Curtis Moore modeled what it means to be a hard-working and patriotic citizen of our country and it is my pleasure to recognize him before the United States House of Representatives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARLIN A. STUTZMAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 650, 651, 652, on December 1, 2015 I was unable to cast a vote on S.J. Res. 24 due to being unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted Yes.

HONORING DR. LEN KLAY, M.D.

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Len Klay for his leadership, commitment, and determination over a decade to update the Geographic Practice Cost Index (GPCI) system in California and abolish the flawed Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR).

Medicare's GPCI system pays physicians based on the cost of providing care in their geographic region. However, since 1997, the Medicare geographic payment localities have not been updated, leading many Sonoma County physicians to be underpaid. This problem was exacerbated by concurrent flaws in the Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR).

Since 2000, Dr. Klay has been a tireless advocate for GPCI and SGR reforms. His proposed changes would have updated payment localities for physicians, and improved access to high-quality care for all Sonoma County residents. Dr. Klay led a nationwide letter campaign, encouraging Congress to consider funding the proposed changes while writing articles to keep peers informed of his efforts. Those efforts ultimately paid off, as the geographic payment system has been updated and the SGR has been eliminated. Dr. Klay was essential to that progress.

Leading by example, Dr. Klay continues to assist in surgery and volunteers his services

for many local medical organizations. He has worked in the Santa Rosa, California area since 1971, and has been a member of the Sonoma County Medical Association (SCMA) and the California Medical Association (CMA) for 44 years. He has twice served as President of the SCMA and CMA, elected in 1987 and again in 2007, and previously served at the U.S. Army hospital in Frankfurt, Germany. As a civic role model, philanthropist, political activist, and medical professional, Dr. Klay's work has placed health care for all Sonoma County residents in safe hands.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we acknowledge Dr. Len Klay for his extraordinary work.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER CONGRESSWOMAN SHIRLEY CHISHOLM

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the legacy of former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm. On November 24, Congresswoman Chisholm was posthumously awarded the 2015 Presidential Medal of Freedom.

In 1968, Chisholm historically won a seat in the House of Representatives in New York's 12th Congressional District, becoming the first African American woman elected to Congress. In 1969, Chisholm was one of the founding members of a group that would become the Congressional Black Caucus. Chisholm served seven terms in Congress with a historical run for the U.S. Presidency in 1972. Chisholm was the first majority-party African American female candidate to run for President.

During her time in Congress, Chisholm worked to improve conditions for inner-city residents. She vocally fought for educational opportunities, better healthcare, increased social services, and reductions in military spending. Chisholm was an outspoken opponent of the Vietnam War, opposing the draft and the expansion of weapon developments. Chisholm fought to ensure that women and people of color had the opportunity to contribute to policy and the legislative process.

After leaving Congress in 1983, she returned to her career as an educator. Chisholm taught undergraduate courses in politics and sociology at Mount Holyoke College from 1983 to 1987, starkly different from her career prior to serving in Congress in early childhood and elementary education. Nonetheless, Chisholm provided valuable contributions to not only Mount Holyoke, but also the 150 campuses where she gave speeches, telling students to avoid polarization and intolerance.

Chisholm passed away in 2005 after suffering several strokes. However, her legacy will always remain with us. As one of the founding members of the Congressional Black Caucus, as the first African American woman elected to Congress, Chisholm has provided us with many firsts and has paved the way for more opportunity. I urge my colleagues to honor former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm and recognize her for winning the 2015 Presidential Medal of Freedom.

RECOGNIZING CHARLES LEWIS
SCOTT (CHUCK)

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Charles Lewis Scott (Chuck), who passed away on November 20, 2015 at the age of 91. Scott was a photographer and co-founder of the widely respected Ohio University School of Visual Communication in Athens, Ohio.

Scott was born in Grayville, Illinois in 1924. He became a Photographer's Mate First Class in the U.S. Navy after training in Pensacola, Florida. Scott went on to receive the Distinguished Flying Cross and three war medals for serving during World War II in the Pacific.

After returning home from the war, Scott earned his degree from the University of Illinois and worked as a photojournalist for the Champaign-Urbana Courier and the student newspaper. Scott worked as a photographer at various newspapers early in his career, and was later named the graphic director for the Chicago Daily News. He earned his master's degree in 1970 and became the picture editor for the Chicago Tribune in 1974. Throughout his career, Scott earned over 100 awards in state, regional, national, and international competitions, including the Photographer of the Year award in 1952 and the Newspaper Editor of the Year award in 1966 from the National Press Photographers Association.

He was first approached by Ohio University in 1969 to expand the visual education program in the School of Journalism. Following two years at the Chicago Tribune, Scott returned to Ohio University in 1976 in the College of Communication. Two years later, Scott co-founded the Institute of Visual Communication with his son-in-law Terry Eiler. By 1986, the Institute became the School of Visual Communication and was eventually moved into the College of Communication. Alumni of this program have gone on to work at The New York Times, National Geographic, The Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, and many other prestigious publications.

There is no doubt of the enormous contribution Chuck Scott has made to the photojournalism industry and the tremendous impact he had on Ohio University and especially, his students.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for

printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, December 3, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 8

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine improving the Pentagon's development of policy, strategy, and plans.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 2257, to prepare the National Park Service for its Centennial in 2016 and for a second century of protecting our national parks' natural, historic, and cultural resources for present and future generations.

SD-366

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine opioid abuse in America, focusing on facing the epidemic and examining solutions.

SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights

To hold hearings to examine the AB InBev/SABMiller merger and the state of competition in the beer industry.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the Millennium Challenge Corporation, focusing on lessons learned after a decade and outlook for the future.

SD-419

3 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness

To hold hearings to examine promoting open inquiry in the debate over the magnitude of human impact on earth's climate.

SR-253

DECEMBER 9

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 2171, to reauthorize the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act, S. 2127, to provide appropriate protections to probationary Federal employees, to provide the Special Counsel with adequate access to information, to provide greater awareness of Federal whistleblower protections, S. 1915, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers, S. 1492, to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, to convey certain Federal property located in the State of Alaska to the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, H.R. 1557, to amend the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 to strengthen Federal antidiscrimination laws enforced by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and expand ac-

countability within the Federal government, an original bill entitled, "Federal Asset Sale and Transfer Act", an original bill entitled, "Federal Real Property Management Reform Act of 2015", and an original bill entitled, "Administrative Leave Act of 2015".

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-253

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine moving to a stronger economy with a regulatory budget.

SD-608

2 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Marcel John Lettre, II, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, Gabriel Camarillo, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, John E. Sparks, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for the term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law, and the following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601: Vice Adm. Kurt W. Tidd, to be Admiral, all of the Department of Defense.

SD-106

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Susan Paradise Baxter, Robert John Colville, and Marilyn Jean Horan, each to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Mary S. McElroy, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, and John Milton Younge, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine sudden price spikes in off-patent drugs, focusing on perspectives from the front lines.

SD-G50

DECEMBER 10

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold an oversight hearing to examine terrorism and global oil markets.

SD-366

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management

To hold hearings to examine the importance of following through on GAO and OIG recommendations.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, S. 1318, to amend title 18, United

States Code, to provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism, and the nominations of Dana J. Boente, to be United

States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years, and John P. Fishwick, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the West-

ern District of Virginia for the term of four years.

SD-226